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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL STATEMENT

This Interim Management Statement will provide interim direction for the management of the proposed extension to Mississagi Provincial Park until a comprehensive Park Management Plan is prepared.

This statement will provide the basis for the subsequent preparation of the Park Management Plan.

I am please to approve this Interim Managment Statement for Mississagi Provincial Park.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. A. Klugman", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

M. A. Klugman
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MISSISSAGI PROVINCIAL PARK EXTENSION
INTERIM MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

I LAND TENURE

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Blind River District Land Use Guidelines, has recommended an extension to Mississagi Provincial Park. The extension contains 1,842 ha of land and water (Figure 1). There are no land use permits, licences of occupation, or easements in the extension.

Guidelines:

There will be no disposition of Crown land within the park extension.

II EXISTING/PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The extension lies to the east and south of the existing park, which is located 26 km north of the Town of Elliot Lake on Highway 639. Two existing park trails and one canoe route portage pass through portions of the extension.

Guidelines:

This area is ideal for future trail expansion. There are several areas that will provide exceptional scenic lookouts. Trail development will proceed to provide access to scenic lookouts. Hut to hut interior use will be phased in once the facilities are in place.

III RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Present recreation uses include fishing, hiking, canoeing, moose hunting, and cross-country skiing.



Guidelines:

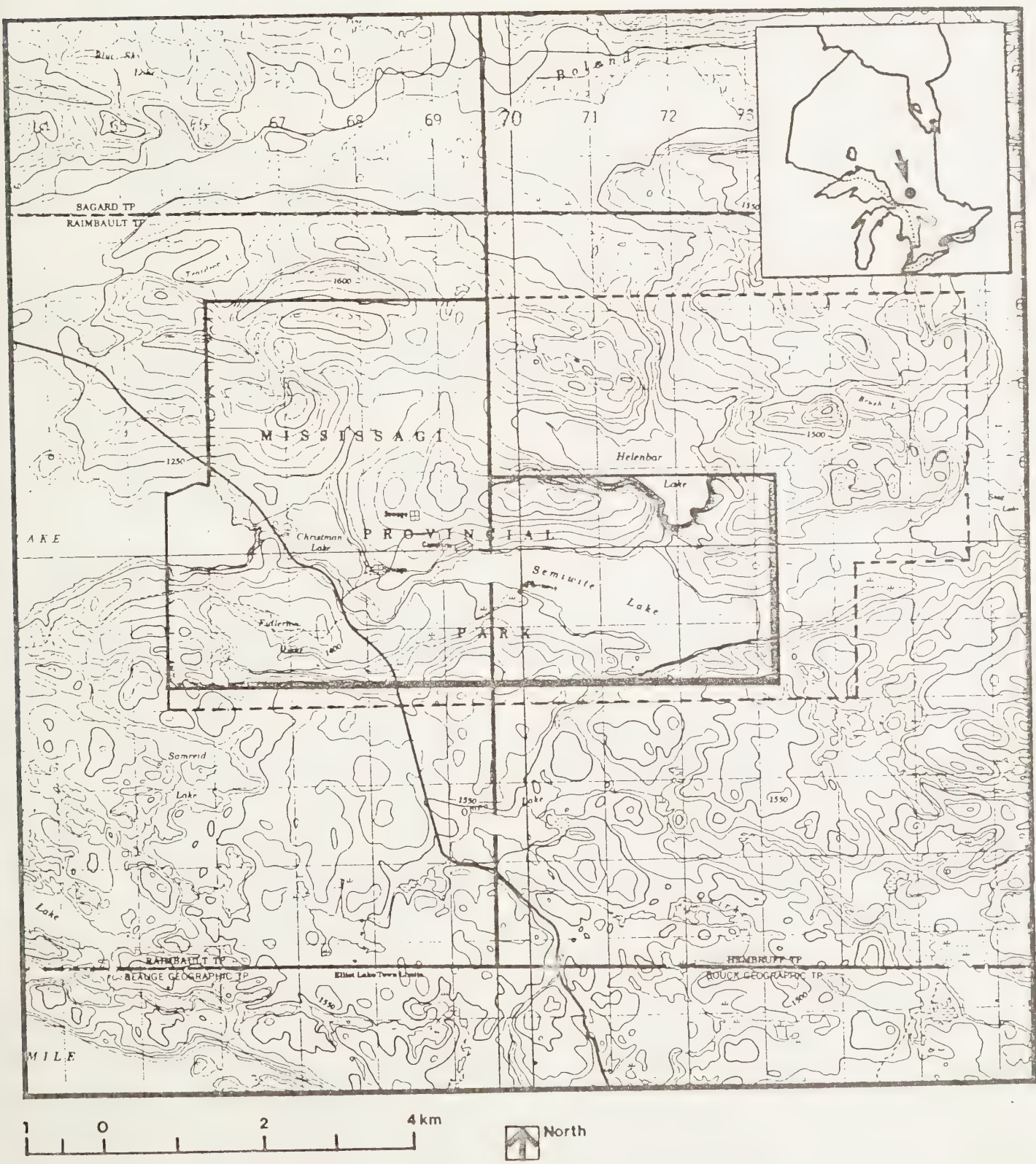
Sportfishing will continue. However, hunting will be discontinued. Trail development will progress into the extension to provide day use length and overnight trails for walking and hiking to complement the existing trails within Mississagi Provincial Park.

IV COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

Part of one registered trapline, BL-19, is the only commercial activity within the extension.

MISSISSAGI
PROVINCIAL PARK

-  Park Boundary
-  Park Extension



Guidelines:

Trapping will continue for the present but will eventually be phased out in a manner least harmful to the licensee. No transfer of licence will be permitted. There will be no commercial tourism, or commercial forestry.

V NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Preliminary earth science, life science, archaeological, and historical overviews were completed for Mississagi Provincial Park and portions of the old park reserve.

Guidelines:

Updates to the preliminary plan will be required as part of the future management planning process for Mississagi Park. Fire management will continue under the District Fire Management Plan.

VI VISITOR SERVICES

Mississagi Provincial Park provides a diversified interpretive program. The extension property will be integrated with the existing program.

Guidelines:

High quality publications and maps for visitors will be provided to describe areas that are developed for hiking.

VII RESEARCH

There have been no comprehensive studies other than the ones mentioned under the Natural and Cultural Resources Section.

Guidelines:

Research approved through The Provincial Parks Research Policy will provide valuable input into future management plans.

VIII MARKETING

The existing marketing plan provides direction for marketing the established park and services.

Guidelines:

Use of the extension property will be intergrated into the Mississagi Provincial Park Marketing Plan.

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